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PRESS RELEASE

**Force Commander discusses continued IDF withdrawal and LAF
deployment**

On 26 September, UNIFIL Force Commander Maj.-General Alain Pellegrini met with senior officers from the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) and the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF). Continued IDF withdrawal from South Lebanon and LAF deployment were discussed with a view of completing this process as soon as possible.

“We had a constructive meeting today,” said Maj.-General Pellegrini, “It is my belief that with the necessary cooperation by both parties we should see the IDF leave South Lebanon by the end of this month.”

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